Pitching up a polling station at Erattakulam for the Panchayat elections.

384. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) how many voted in the last Panchayat election at Nallepilly;

(2) does not Government think there will be at least three thousand voters at the ensuing election;

(3) would it be possible to vote for all these voters if there is only one polling station;

(4) how far is Erattakulam from Nallepilly;

(5) since women also have the suffrage would it not be convenient if a polling station be instituted at Erattakulam?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) 1930.

(2) There may be.

(3) Yes.

(4) About three miles.

(5) There seems to be no necessity to have a polling station at Erattakulam in view of the answer given to question (3) above.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How many hours of the day are devoted for poling?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have notified that in the Gazette, from 11 to 4 with an interval of half an hour.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How many votes will the Government beable to register from 11 to 4?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We hope to register the votes of all who come there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the maximum number that the Government expects to register during this 5 hours?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have made arrangements to record as many votes as come there, about 3,000.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon. How many polling officers are there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We are going to have 4 or 5.

The Nelliampathi Staff-quarters.

385. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Nelliampathi Staff-quarters is open to all classes of people?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Roads under the Kozhinjampara Panchayat.

386. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) how many miles of roads are there under the Kozhinjampara Panchayat;

(2) of which how many metalled;

(3) how many time had that Panchayat suggested for a road from the Chondath Water Pandal to the Muttimampalla, etc;

(4) what is the state of the cart track now in existence there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) There are 6 miles 6 furlongs 164 yards of roads under the Panchayat.

(2) No road has been treated with granite metal coating. However 10 units of granite metal were used last year for surface coating in the slushy portion of the Kulukkapara Palaniyampalayam road at 0/5.

(3) For the last three years the Panchayat has not made any requisitions in the matter.

(4) It is not cartable during rainy season, but it will serve its purpose during hot weather.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it possible for a cart to cross the Irrigation channel there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—In summer it is possible.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Yesterday it was not possible.

Compulsion on Government Officers to contribute to a play.

387. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

why were the officers of the Government compelled to contribute to a play recently at Trippunittura?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is not quite clear.

Measures to increase the yield of paddy in the State.

388. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the total area of land annually under paddy cultivation in the State in 1921 and 1931;

(b) the quantity of paddy required for consumption by the people in the State in 1921 and 1931;

(c) the quantity of paddy yield in the State in the aforesaid years;

(d) what steps have been taken by the Government to increase the yield of paddy in the State in commensurate with the increase of population; and

(e) whether those steps have been found to be quite successful and satisfactory?

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